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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A solid electrolytic body has an inside space serving as a reference gas chamber. A sensing electrode and a reference electrode are formed on the surface of the solid electrolytic body. A heater is disposed in the reference gas chamber. A contact portion comprises a region where the heater is brought into contact with the inner surface of the solid electrolytic body and an opposing region on the outer surface of the solid electrolytic body. The sensing electrode includes at least part of the contact portion. A gas receiving surface region, 10 exposed to the measuring gas, extends from an element tip to a position spaced by a distance L away from the element tip. At least part of the contact portion is located in a region extending from the element tip to a position spaced by a distance $0.4L$ away from the element tip. The sensing electrode is entirely located in a region extending from the element tip to a position spaced by a 15 distance $0.8L$ away from the element tip.

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